



# Preliminary Agenda

## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

**TUESDAY, August 22, 2023**  
**LEGISLATIVE CHAMBER, OMAHA-DOUGLAS CIVIC CENTER**  
**1819 FARNAM, OMAHA, NE**

**9:00 a.m.**

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### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **NOTE TO CITIZENS:**

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Chair of the Board of County Commissioners--***

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### **RULES OF DEBATE**

- A.** On items requiring discussion/action, the process for debate is as follows:
- 1.** The introducer of the item may speak up to five minutes when he or she first presents the item to the Board of Commissioners.
  - 2.** The Board will hear from proponents and then opponents (citizens are encouraged not to repeat previous comment/testimony). No additional comment/testimony will be permitted unless a Board member requests additional information.
  - 3.** The introduced item shall be motioned and seconded to proceed to debate.
  - 4.** Each Commissioner shall be allowed to speak on introduced item up to two times for no more than five minutes.
  - 5.** The introducer of the item shall be permitted five minutes to close debate.
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**AGENDA**  
**FOR**  
**DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**  
**(9:00 a.m.)**

**Note to Citizens:**

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Roll Call

- A. Approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held Tuesday, August 8, 2023. [\(See Attached\)](#)
- B. Call for a meeting and set **Tuesday, August 29, 2023**, as date for hearing on Certified Assessment Corrections reflecting the addition of omitted property to the tax rolls or increased value on property.
- C. **CITIZENS COMMENTS:** *This is an opportunity for members of the audience to be heard at this time for a maximum of **5 minutes** on any topic not on the agenda as it relates to the governance of Douglas County. However, under the Open Meetings Act, agenda items should give reasonable notice of the matters to be considered by the Board so that the public will know which matters are under consideration. As a result, Commissioners will not engage in discussions, conversations, debates or take action on any item presented during Citizen Comments. If a citizen wishes to engage a Commissioner or the Board in a discussion, conversation, debate or have the Board take action, that citizen will follow up with County Administration or the Commissioner of their District and seek to have the item placed on a future agenda for discussion and/or action as appropriate. During Citizen Comments, the Chair will keep order and a citizen may be called "out of order" for disruptive conduct or behavior.*

**RESOLUTIONS:**

- D. Resolution setting preliminary tax rates for miscellaneous subdivisions as provided by Nebraska Rev. Statute 77-3443. (Lori Pirsch, Douglas County Director of Finance) [\(See Attached\)](#)
- E. Resolution approving the acceptance of late Homestead Exemption Applications filed between July 1, 2023 and July 20, 2023. (Assessor/Register of Deeds) [\(See Attached\)](#)
- F. Request for the Board to approve the Treasurer's recommendation to deny application Form 453 for vehicle tax Exempt status: Rodney R. Svoboda new registration of a 2023 Chevrolet Silverado (Last eight of VIN#PF289760). Mr. Svoboda was unable to provide a supporting statement from the VA stating that his disabilities fall within the approved requirements. (Treasurer's Office) [\(See Attached\)](#)
- G. Approving applications for tax Exemptions Form 457 on motor vehicles recommended for approval by the County Treasurer. [\(See Attached\)](#)

## **PROTESTS:**

- H. Appeal of Rejection of Homestead Exemption for Marvin Swillie, 4009 Ohio St., Omaha, NE 68111. (Daniel A. Esch, Douglas County Clerk/Comptroller) [\(See Attached\)](#)
- I. Appeal of rejection of homestead exemption for Irmgard Vaiskunas, 6310 S. 31 Street, Omaha, NE. 68107. (Daniel A. Esch, Douglas County Clerk/Comptroller) [\(See Attached\)](#)

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

We reserve the right to enter an executive session in order to protect the public interest with respect to discussion regarding labor negotiations, litigation and personnel.

ADJOURN

## **AGENDA** **FOR** **DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF CORRECTIONS** *(Immediately following the conclusion of the Board of Equalization meeting)*

### **Note to Citizens:**

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Roll Call

- 1. Approval of the minutes of the Board of Corrections' meeting held Tuesday, July 18, 2023. [\(See Attached\)](#)
- 2. **CITIZENS COMMENTS:** *This is an opportunity for members of the audience to be heard at this time for a maximum of **5 minutes** on any topic not on the agenda as it relates to the governance of Douglas County. However, under the Open Meetings Act, agenda items should give reasonable notice of the matters to be considered by the Board so that the public will know which matters are under consideration. As a result, Commissioners will not engage in discussions, conversations, debates or take action on any item presented during Citizen Comments. If a citizen wishes to engage a Commissioner or the Board in a discussion, conversation, debate or have the Board take action, that citizen will follow up with County Administration or the Commissioner of their District and seek to have the item placed on a future agenda for discussion and/or action as appropriate. During Citizen Comments, the Chair will keep order and a citizen may be called "out of order" for disruptive conduct or behavior.*
- 3. Report from the Director of Corrections. [\(See Attached\)](#)

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**AGENDA**  
**FOR**  
**DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
*(Immediately following the conclusion of the Board of Corrections meeting)*

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Roll Call

**I. MINUTES AND CLAIMS:**

- A. Approval of minutes of the Board of Commissioners' meeting held Tuesday, August 8, 2023. [\(See Attached\)](#)
- B. Approval of claims submitted for payment processed through Tuesday, August 22, 2023. Complete listing is on file in the office of the County Clerk/Comptroller and available on the Douglas County Clerk/Comptroller's web page at:  
<http://www.douglascountyclerk.org/supplierchecks>

**II. CONSENT AGENDA:** *Any individual item may be removed by a Commissioner for special discussion and consideration. Unless there is an exception, these items will be approved as one with a single vote of the Board of Commissioners.*

- A. Acceptance of Trees for Nebraska Towns (TNT) grant of up to \$5000 for tree planting on County campuses. (Kent E. Holm, Environmental Services)  
[\(See Attached\)](#)
- B. Todd Pfitzer, Douglas County Engineer, requests the following:
  - 1. An additional amount of \$16,828.00 be paid to Top Shelf Utility Services, LLC for Project SP-2022(05) Cathodic Protection of Aluminum Culverts. An additional pipe was discovered that requires similar cathodic protection. (Budgeted)  
[\(See Attached\)](#)
  - 2. Traffic Control Devices in the Chestnut Hills Subdivision – S.I.D. 591.  
[\(See Attached\)](#)
  - 3. An additional amount of \$18,467.59 for additional costs to Oldcastle Materials Midwest Co. DBA Omni Engineering for Douglas County Project No. C-28(572) 168<sup>th</sup> St Improvements from Rachel Snowden Pkwy to Old Military Road. (Budgeted) [\(See Attached\)](#)
  - 4. An amount of \$118,337.59 for additional costs to Graham Construction for Douglas County Project No. C-28(573) Fort St Improvements from 208<sup>th</sup> St to 212<sup>th</sup> St. (Budgeted) [\(See Attached\)](#)
- C. Approval of correction of CBA dollar amount for New Life Family Alliance previously approved by the Board from \$71,000 to correct amount of \$71,500. (Grant Funded – Budgeted) (Kim Hawekotte, Deputy County Administrator, Juvenile Services)  
[\(See Attached\)](#)

- D. Resolution to approve a Memorandum of Understanding Agreement with the Nebraska State Patrol. (Budgeted) (Karen Buche, Human Resources) [\(See Attached\)](#)
- E. Sherry Driver, Director, Douglas County Mental Health Center, requests approval of the following:
1. Approval of Mental Health Substance Use License application for the Community Mental Health Center Detoxification facility 2023 – 2024 # MHSU020. (Randy Walter, CMHC) [\(See Attached\)](#)
  2. Amendment approval for the reassignment of Dr. Ryan Spohn to replace Dr. Aaron Banman as UNO's Principal Investigator and the project will be completed by UNO's Nebraska Center for Justice Research. (Randy Walter, CMHC) [\(See Attached\)](#)
- F. Resolution authorizing a temporary transfer of budget funds to the Board of Equalization Organization from the County Administration Department. (\$75,000 – Not budgeted) (Lori Pirsch, Douglas County Director of Finance) [\(See Attached\)](#)
- G. Payment of Tort Claim – Claimant – Jay Senanayaka, Damages from Damaged Property and Bodily Injury - \$20,991.01, Department – Roads/Engineer. (Budgeted) (Matt Mundt, County Administration) [\(See Attached\)](#)
- H. Dr. Lindsay Huse, Health Department Director, requests approval of the following:
1. Resolution to rescind the University of Nebraska – Omaha agreement signed in June and replace with the Amended Agreement submitted by UNO regarding surveillance, reporting, and response system through 07-30-2024. (\$92,148.00 – Grant Funded – Budgeted) *(Held over from Tuesday, August 1, 2023, Meeting.)* [\(See Attached\)](#)
  2. Agreement from U.S. Food & Drug Administration for limited scope data sharing regarding food information through June 30, 2029. [\(See Attached\)](#)
  3. Agreement #73907 Y3 from Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services regarding Monkeypox (MPox) case surveillance, data, and education outreach through January 31, 2025. (\$11,000.00 – Budgeted) [\(See Attached\)](#)
  4. Affiliation Agreement with University of Nebraska – Omaha Environmental Studies program regarding student educational work experience through May 1, 2026. [\(See Attached\)](#)
  5. Amendment One from Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services regarding Tuberculosis Directly Observed Therapy through September 30, 2023. (\$38,500.00 – Budgeted) [\(See Attached\)](#)
  6. Agreement from Nebraska Association of Local Health Directors (NALHD) Equity Advancement program regarding community health workers in local health departments to identify Social Determinants of Health through March 31, 2025. (\$112,455.00 – Budgeted) [\(See Attached\)](#)
  7. Agreement with Charles Drew Community Health Center's Omaha Health Start program regarding evidence based interventions for infant mortality to improve birth outcomes and women's health through March 31, 2024. (\$50,000.00 – Budgeted) [\(See Attached\)](#)
  8. Amendment 1 with Heartland Family Services addressing COVID 19 health disparities and racism as a public health crisis through December 31, 2023. (\$90,000.00 – Budgeted) [\(See Attached\)](#)

- I. Acceptance of Agreement with Colossus, Inc. d/b/a Global Public Safety/Jail Tracker to provide a Jail Management System for Douglas County Youth Center in amount of \$302,606 Total. (\$70,000 JAG Grant + \$100,000 Special ARPA Funds + \$132,606 General Funds – Budgeted) (Kim B. Hawekotte, Deputy County Administrator, Juvenile Services) [\(See Attached\)](#)
- J. Resolution to approve “Demand for Refunds.” (\$27,992.25 – Budgeted) (Property Tax Division – Treasurer) [\(See Attached\)](#)

### III. **RECOGNITION/PROCLAMATIONS:**

- A. Recognition of the following County employee retired: **Melinda Rush** worked for the Douglas County Youth Center for 23 years. (Karen Buche, Civil Service/HR) [\(See Attached\)](#)
- B. Recognition of the following County Employee retired: **Amanda Nannen** worked for the Douglas County Community Mental Health Center for 23 years. (Karen Buche, Civil Service/HR) [\(See Attached\)](#)
- C. A resolution recognizing 17 poll workers who will be inducted into the **Douglas County Election Commission’s Poll Worker Hall of Fame** for serving a minimum of 20 years. (Douglas County Board of Commissioners) [\(See Attached\)](#)

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### V. **PRESENTATION:**

- A. Presentation of Architectural Study for Proposed Renovation at Correctional Center for Mental Health Unit. (Patrick Bloomingdale, Administration) [\(See Attached\)](#)

### VI. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- A. Public Hearing for Class # 1-125900 License (Beer, Wine, Distilled Spirits, On Sale Only) for Live Good Omaha LLC dba Symphony Pointe, 445 S 193<sup>rd</sup> Plz, Elkhorn, NE 68022, and Manager Application for Katrina J Ondracek, 18626 Grand Ave, Elkhorn, NE 68022. (**Action can be taken today.**) [\(See Attached\)](#)
- B. Addition to Premise License for Bottles & Barrels LLC dba Bottles & Barrels, 5331 S 204<sup>th</sup> Ave, Suite 101, Omaha, NE, 68022, Douglas County. (**Action can be taken today.**) [\(See Attached\)](#)

- C. Public Hearing and Resolution providing public approval for issuance by Hospital Authority No. 2 of Douglas County, Nebraska of Lease Obligations for the benefit of The Nebraska Medical Center d/b/a Nebraska Medicine. (Patrick Bloomingdale, CAO, on behalf of Joel VanderVeen, Kutak Rock LLP, Bond Counsel)  
(*Action can be taken today.*) ([See Attached](#))

**VII. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/ACTION:**

**A. FINANCE:**

*Commissioners PJ Morgan and Mike Friend, Co-chairs*

1. Budget Report. (Budget and Finance Director) ([See Attached](#))

**B. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:**

*Commissioner Roger Garcia, Chair*

**C. CHILD AND YOUTH SERVICES:**

*Commissioner Chris Rodgers, Chair*

1. Resolution rescinding the May 23, 2023 County Board resolution that adopted measures that would gradually reduce the number of youth detained at the Douglas County Youth Center between August 1, 2023 and January 1, 2024. (Commissioners Garcia, Friend and Morgan) ([See Attached](#))

**D. COMMUNITY SERVICES:**

*Commissioner Maureen Boyle, Chair*

**E. CRIMINAL JUSTICE:**

*Commissioner Mike Friend, Chair*

**F. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES:**

*Commissioner James Cavanaugh, Chair*

**G. HUMAN RESOURCES:**

*Commissioner Mary Ann Borgeson, Chair*

1. Weekly Personnel Report from Civil Service. ([See Attached](#))

2. Legislative issues. ([See Attached](#))

*Note: The Douglas County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to discuss and/or take action on any legislation, resolution or study, pending consideration by the state legislature. Such information may be viewed at the following address (this data is maintained by the Unicameral Information Office):*

<http://nebraskalegislature.gov>



a. *Other legislation*

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*This agenda, which shall be kept continually current, shall be available for public inspection in the Office of the County Commissioners, Omaha-Douglas Civic Center, 1819 Farnam, LC 2, Omaha, NE during normal business hours. Also, available for public inspection will be any corresponding documentation that is provided to the Commissioners' Office prior to the weekly County Board meeting.*

*Members of the public requiring special accommodation(s), such as translators or hearing interpreters, shall if possible, notify the office of the Board by noon the Friday before the scheduled Board Meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Contact 402-444-7025 if arrangements need to be made.*

**AUGUST, 2023**

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**SEPTEMBER, 2023**

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